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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted

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Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to forward to you the Tenth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission in accordance with Section 38(1) of **The Legal Aid Act,** depicting the affairs of the Commission in the 1983 - 84 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian J. Wilson, Chairman
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FOREWORD

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan formally came into existence with the proclamation of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act, 1974* on the 20th day of August, 1974.

This act was subsequently amended by *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The implementation of the Act remained the responsibility of various community groups charged with the delivery of quality legal services in their respective areas.

On September 1, 1983 *The Legal Aid Act* was proclaimed and *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act* was repealed. This new Act places the responsibility for direct delivery of legal services with The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

Section 38(1) of *The Legal Aid Act* provides that

"The commission, shall in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, prepare and submit to the minister:

(a) a report respecting the conduct of the business and affairs of the commission for its immediately preceding fiscal year

(b) a financial statement showing the business of the commission for such fiscal year, in such forms as may be required by Treasury Board."

This, the Tenth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission is prepared in accordance with that provision and reflects the affairs of the commission for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1983 and ending March 31, 1984.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Funding

The caseload figures for this, the tenth year of the plan, reveal a drop of 8.3%. There were two main reasons for this. Because the governments appropriation to the Commission for 1983-84 was cut, the Commission was obliged to restrict the range of services for which legal aid would be provided. Secondly, the Commission began, by mid year, to adopt the national definition of a "dossier", or case, which includes a cluster of related charges, thus reducing the gross number of cases recorded. The pressure on services needed was as high as ever, nevertheless, the Commission was forced to freeze certain vacancies in order to achieve a balanced budget — a most difficult task when facing a shortfall of half a million dollars.

Legislation

A new Act, the *Legal Aid Act*, was brought into force on September 1, 1983. Under the new legislation the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission acquired direct responsibility for the delivery of legal services throughout the province. The 13 former clinics of the local Societies became area offices of the Commission with the staffs becoming employees of the Commission. The general effect of the new legislation was to place on the Commission the responsibility for providing a consistent level of quality services for all parts of the province; for improving the efficiency of the Plan, by rationalizing support services; for providing a planned program of in-service education for all staff and for developing methods of evaluating what we do.

Meetings

Although the Commission membership has not yet been reviewed under the new Act, current members have continued to meet. Formal meetings of the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission were held on the following dates:

April 15, 1983	June 8, 1983
May 13, 1983	July 27, 1983
May 19, 1983	August 31, 1983

Meetings of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission were held on:

September 16, 1983	January 16, 1984
October 21, 1983	February 24, 1984
November 18, 1983	March 16, 1984
December 16, 1983	

Union Negotiations

With severe budget restraints it is not surprising that negotiations with CUPE 1949 were difficult and protracted. The Commission, assuming the position of direct employer on September 1, 1983, subsequently took a direct role in negotiations. A two-year agreement was achieved on May 10th, 1984, which provided a 4½% adjustment for 1983/84, retroactive only to October 1, 1983, and a 5% adjustment for 1984/85, effective April 1, 1984.

Public Legal Education

Although legislation provides the Commission with a mandate to promote legal education it is a matter of both regret and embarrassment that the Commission's activities are limited by budget to a most modest grant to the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan. Nevertheless, professional staff of the Commission in the regions, most generously give time and service to local PLEA programs. The Chairman of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission is on the Board of Directors of PLEA.

In-Service Training

a. At the end of the fiscal year a three-part management training program was planned for Legal Directors.
b. Selected support staff are being sent to communication seminars.
c. Selected solicitors and paralegals attended a major seminar on criminal law convened by the Continuing Legal Education Directorate.
d. The mentor program established some three years ago by General Counsel to the Commission has developed most satisfactorily.
e. Monthly Legal Directors meetings have been a most effective strategy for communication and for involvement of senior staff in policy development.

The Association of Legal Aid Plans of Canada

The Association which has existed for nine years has provided a mechanism for interprovincial consultation and information exchange.

On June 22nd and 23rd, 1983 the Association met in Prince Edward Island.

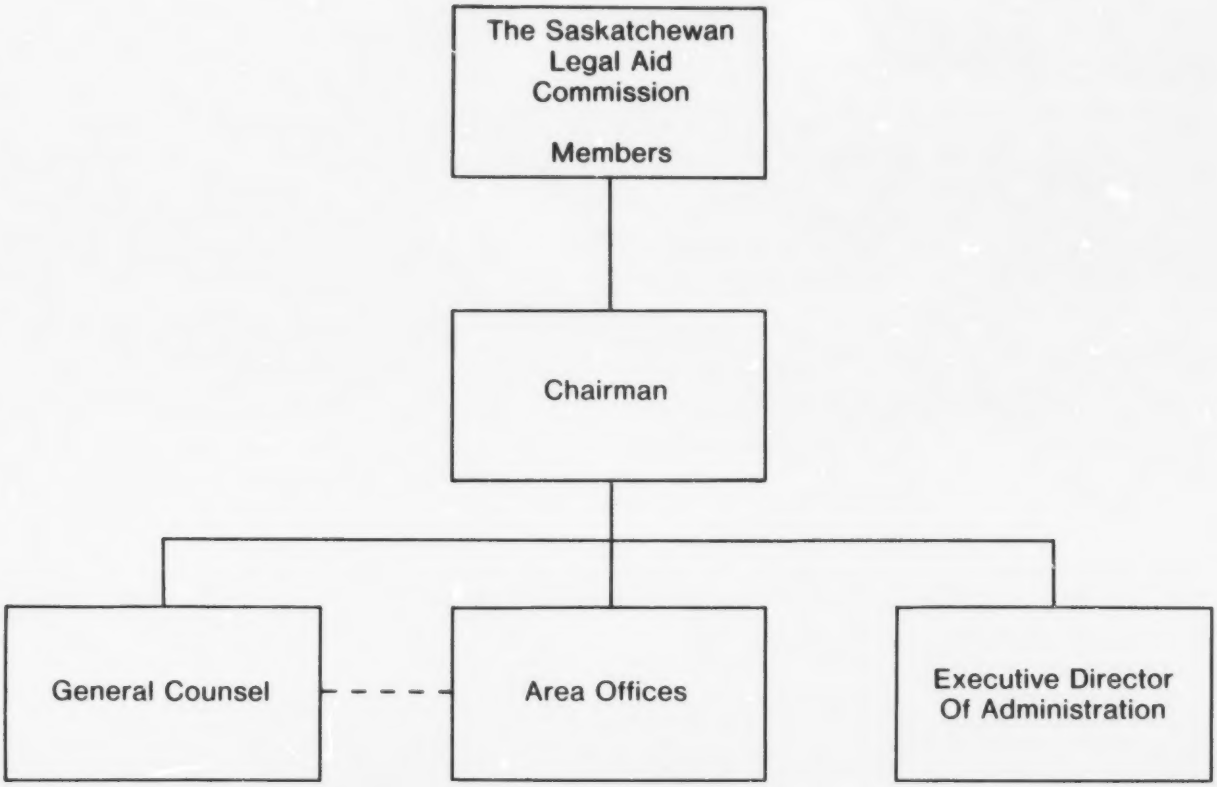
For the first time, the Association issued a public statement of concern about the strains being experienced by the Plans.

> "Many legal aid plans are in trouble. Leaders of Canada's twelve legal aid agencies stated that they are concerned that more Canadians will have to face the justice system alone.
>
> After a two-day meeting to discuss common problems, the legal aid directors agreed that there must be an increase in government and public support for the principle of equal access to legal representation. Without such support, they said, many thousands of Canadians will be unable to exercise their legal rights. The severe economic recession and the resulting high unemployment have caused many more people to need and qualify for legal aid. Recent legislative initiatives such as: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms and amendments to some provincial family laws have had a major effect on legal aid costs. Planned changes in the Criminal Code and the introduction of *The Young Offenders Act* will also increase costs dramatically.
>
> The Legal Aid Plans are having difficulty maintaining basic services. Governments, the legal profession and the public have traditionally recognized and supported the fundamental rights of equal access to justice; however, without adequate funding, this right cannot be protected"

One of the casualties of tight budgeting was the National Legal Aid Research Centre. Provinces found themselves unable to fund its continued existence and the Association of Plans recommended that the Centre be abolished.

The report which follows is a pallid reflection of the reality which is that more than twenty-five thousand people received legal services from competent and conscientious staff in all areas of the province. The Saskatchewan Plan falls short of meeting the principle of "equal access to legal representation" but it does stand as evidence of the importance of a fundamental, historic right.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Melfort Area Office
Moose Jaw Area Office
Northern Area Office
Prince Albert Area Office
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Regina Rural Area Office
Saskatoon City Area Office
Saskatoon Rural Area Office
South East Area Office
Swift Current Area Office
Yorkton Area Office

THE COMMISSION

With the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* on September 1, 1983, The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission was continued as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. The persons appointed as members of The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission and the person appointed as Chairman of the commission continue as members and chairman respectively of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission until such time as new members and a new chairman are appointed pursuant to the Act. The Commission consists of eleven members as follows:

(a) three members appointed by the chairmen of the advisory committees at a meeting of the chairmen;
(b) two members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, nominated for the purpose by the benchers of the society;
(c) one member who is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Attorney General of Canada;
(d) four members who are not members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
(e) one member who is an employee of the Department of Justice appointed by the minister.

Those members who served on the Commission during the 1983-84 fiscal year were:

IAN J. WILSON, chairman, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 1, 1979.

PATRICIA LORJE, Psychologist, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 1, 1979.

2 VACANT positions for appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

JAMES BENNING, Department of Justice, Regina. Appointed by the Minister January 14, 1980.

A. QUENTIN AGNEW, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Attorney General of Canada November 7, 1979.

PETER FOLEY, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan January 1, 1982.

MORRIS BODNAR, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan September 16, 1983.

GUS LOUISON, Community Worker and Chairperson of the P.A. & District Community Legal Services Society, Prince Albert. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards June 11, 1983.

GREG WALEN, Barrister and Solicitor and Chairperson of the Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983.

MARK SWARTOUT, Community Worker and Chairperson of the Parkland Legal Services Inc., Yorkton. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983.

ELTON DAVIDGE, Community Worker and Secretary-Treasurer of Parkland Legal Services Inc., Yorkton. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards March 10, 1979. Retired April 30, 1983.

STIRLING BOYD, Community Worker and Chairperson of the Pasqua Community Legal Services Society, Melfort. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards June 25, 1982. Retired April 30, 1983.

DAVID NEUFELD, Minister and Chairperson of the Battlefords and Area Legal Services Society Inc., North Battleford. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards March 10, 1979. Resigned June 11, 1983.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

(a) to the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources;
(b) establish and describe the boundaries of legal aid areas and may alter or modify the boundaries of any area;
(c) prepare and submit annually to the minister, in any form that he may require, an estimate of its financial requirements for the next following fiscal year;
(d) establish, after consultation with the Law Society of Saskatchewan, a tariff of fees pursuant to which solicitors, other than solicitors employed by the commission, shall receive remuneration for their services rendered under the Act;
(e) make the required payment for services rendered by solicitors in accordance with the tariff of fees established under clause (d);
(f) evaluate or cause to be evaluated the legal services rendered pursuant to the Act;
(g) provide to the minister any information that he may require on any matter respecting the provision of services pursuant to the Act;
(h) establish and maintain a panel of solicitors for the purposes of the provision of legal services.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Subject to the Act and the regulations, the Commission may:

(a) establish procedures to determine the eligibility of applicants for legal services;
(b) employ solicitors or other persons for the purpose of providing legal services under the Act and appoint a solicitor to act as general counsel to the commission;
(c) maintain a legal aid office in each area;
(d) establish guidelines, procedures and requirements pursuant to which solicitors or other persons retained under the Act shall provide legal services;
(e) employ persons to administer the Act;
(f) use full-time university law students in providing legal services, but a student so used shall be supervised by a solicitor and shall not appear as counsel in any superior or surrogate court;
(g) by means of advertising or otherwise, inform the public with respect to the nature and extent of legal services available under the Act;
(h) initiate, conduct and participate in any public legal education and other programs that the commission considers advisable to achieve the purposes of the Act;

(i) advance any money that the commission considers appropriate to an advisory committee to assist that committee in carrying out its powers and duties under the Act;

(j) encourage and assist, by means of grants or otherwise, the programs of any full-time undergraduates of a college or faculty of law of a university in Canada recognized by the University of Saskatchewan where those programs have objects consistent with the purposes of the Act;

(k) delegate any powers of the commission to the chairman;

(l) do any other things that are necessary, incidental or conducive to carrying out the Act according to its intent.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The object of the Act is to provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources.

Following the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* in September 1983 the Commission continued to use the Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The Regulations outlining the financial criteria are:

"2 (1) Subject to the Act, an applicant is eligible to receive legal services under the Plan:

(a) when he receives all or part of his income pursuant to social assistance;

(b) when he does not receive any of his income pursuant to a program of social assistance and he has an income equal to or less than that which he would be entitled to receive under social assistance; or

(c) when the obtaining of legal services outside of the plan would reduce the income of an applicant to a point whereby he would become eligible for the benefits under social assistance;

(2) A client who is eligible pursuant to subsection (1)(c) may be required by the commission to make a contribution towards the payment of the costs of the legal services rendered on his behalf;

(3) Contributions are payable to the commission and their amount shall be fixed by an eligibility officer;

(4) No contribution shall be in an amount so large as to reduce the income of the applicant to a level where he would be eligible for social assistance;

(5) A group, organization or society, the membership of which is predominantly eligible persons, shall also be eligible to receive legal services under the plan;

(6) An applicant shall not be required to dispose of his principal place of residence or assets necessary to maintain his livelihood."

The Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, with respect to the scope of services are as follows:

"3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act or in these regulations, a client may receive legal services under the plan in respect of any proceedings or proposed proceedings, or proceedings reasonably anticipated by him,

(a) in any court or other tribunal in Saskatchewan;

(b) in any Federal Court of Canada;

(c) in the Supreme Court of Canada; or

(d) in any court or other tribunal in Canada with the written approval of the chairman;

(2) Subject to the Act and these regulations, a client may receive appropriate and proper legal services under the plan in respect of drawing documents, negotiating settlements, or giving advice or assistance or supplying information where the subject matter or nature thereof affects the legal rights of the applicant;

(3) With respect to offences set out under Section 21 of the Act, and with respect to offences under an act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan, when the crown appeals a decision by a court, a solicitor acting for a client may continue to act for that client;

(4) Other legal services shall not be taken to appeal without the prior consent of the chairman or such person as he may have designated in writing for that purpose."

Effective October 1, 1983, The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission adopted a formal policy concerning the Range of Legal Services. The Range of Services are summarized as follows:

1. Criminal Law Matters
   A great many, but not all, legal services are provided.
   (a) services for serious offences under the Criminal Code (indictable) and other Federal Laws
   (b) summary conviction offences when there is likelihood of imprisonment or loss of livelihood.
   (c) offences under *The Juvenile Delinquents Act* (now the *Young Offenders Act)* where there is likelihood of imprisonment or detention.
   (d) appeals to a higher court under certain conditions.
2. Civil Law Matters
   Most legal services in civil law will be restricted to Family Law.
   (a) Divorce — contested or uncontested
   (b) Custody
   (c) Access
   (d) Maintenance
   (e) Child Protection
   (f) Restraining Orders
   Other civil law services will only be considered if the applicant's livelihood is in danger, or where the applicant may suffer extraordinary hardship.
3. In some areas of the Province (such as the North), legal aid to meet special needs may be provided.
4. In addition, summary advice and information may be provided to anyone about a wide range of matters if they involve no more than a brief interview or telephone call.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN — APRIL 1, 1983 to MARCH 31, 1984

APPEALS AGAINST THE DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

AREA OFFICE	RANGE OF SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL DISCRETION	FISCAL	TOTAL	DENIED	ALLOWED
Battleford	2	0	4	6	3	3
Central	1	0	2	3	2	1
Melfort	1	2	1	4	3	1
Moose Jaw	2	0	1	3	3	0
Northern	0	1	1	2	2	0
Regina City	1	1	5	7	3	4
Saskatoon City	5	4	4	13	10	3
Saskatoon Rural	0	0	2	2	2	0
South East	1	0	0	1	0	1
Yorkton	3	1	2	6	4	2
TOTALS	16	9	22	47	32	15
ALLOWED IN EACH CATEGORY	6	0	9			

COMPLAINTS - Dissatisfaction about services, etc.

AREA OFFICE		FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED
Central Office	4	2	2
Meadow Lake	1		1
Melfort	1		1
Moose Jaw	1	1	
Prince Albert	5	3	2
Regina City	4	1	3
Saskatoon City	13	4	9
Saskatoon Rural	4		4
South East	1		1
TOTALS	34	11	23

SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
CASE LOAD
1983–84

	The Battlefords Area Office	Meadow Lake Area Office	Melfort Area Office	Moose Jaw Area Office	Northern Area Office	Prince Albert Area Office	Regina City Area Office	Regina Rural Area Office	Saskatoon City Area Office	Saskatoon Rural Area Office	South East Area Office	Swift Current Area Office	Yorkton Area Office	Central Office	TOTAL OPENED CASES BY LEGAL AID STAFF	TOTAL COMPLETED CASES BY LEGAL AID STAFF	TOTAL COMPLETED CASES BY PRIVATE BAR
CRIMINAL CASES																	
Homicide	5	1	2	2	1	13	39	—	18	2	2	4	2	—	91	77	40
Juvenile Delinquents Act	11	26	14	33	146	59	55	43	124	4	3	3	12	—	533	546	—
Rape	6	9	1	5	4	7	30	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	66	56	7
Robbery	8	6	5	10	10	31	81	16	50	12	2	4	10	7	252	259	24
Theft	273	190	79	126	285	397	792	186	560	110	49	32	166	15	3260	3106	8
B & E	249	108	89	57	353	331	473	182	227	81	22	46	135	14	2367	2028	—
Drunk & Impaired Driving	86	159	147	83	230	285	209	268	52	95	36	38	146	—	1834	1762	1
Other Motor Vehicle Offences	33	14	17	10	31	173	129	30	18	27	8	5	35	1	537	569	—
Narcotics	30	9	24	34	23	73	102	17	73	7	13	14	29	3	451	409	9
Assault	103	71	55	39	348	199	244	120	251	59	33	8	85	7	1622	1402	2
Fraud, False Pretences	97	20	42	48	21	161	593	96	128	32	29	14	127	2	1410	1379	3
Other	334	246	160	118	845	924	871	285	505	89	93	44	254	6	4774	4372	25
Total Federal Criminal Cases	1235	859	635	565	2297	2659	3618	1244	2006	518	291	214	1001	55	17197	15965	119
Total Provincial Statute Cases	54	231	20	—	179	127	15	110	2	10	—	4	34	5	791	788	0
FAMILY MATTERS																	
Divorce	68	42	49	81	23	174	105	39	404	55	31	44	52	30	1197	1233	—
Custody	73	33	35	57	35	170	205	76	279	88	16	14	42	25	1148	1071	6
Maintenance	73	28	29	51	34	58	128	34	173	64	26	24	31	10	763	778	—
Separation	66	32	36	79	56	111	107	27	201	49	45	33	52	9	903	865	—
Matrimonial Property	5	16	10	15	19	18	60	5	47	38	5	4	6	1	249	265	—
Other	41	7	30	23	37	28	5	25	44	7	2	11	17	5	282	275	—
Total Family Matters	326	158	189	306	204	559	610	206	1148	301	125	130	200	80	4542	4487	6
DISPUTE PERTAINING TO GOVERNMENT BENEFIT ALLOWANCE																	
UIC	2	6	1	1	11	10	5	1	—	7	1	—	1	—	46	61	—
CPP	—	6	1	—	9	2	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	23	14	—
Old Age Pension	—	14	1	1	3	8	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	29	31	—
Workers' Compensation	—	5	—	3	6	3	6	—	6	4	—	—	—	—	33	35	—
Pensions — Other	—	9	—	—	4	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	20	24	—
WILLS, ESTATES & LAND																	
Wills	8	13	15	10	11	19	1	1	12	6	8	—	8	—	112	119	—
Estates	6	14	5	2	16	9	4	3	6	10	3	—	4	—	82	126	—
Land	—	16	8	5	20	16	1	3	10	6	8	—	8	—	101	127	1

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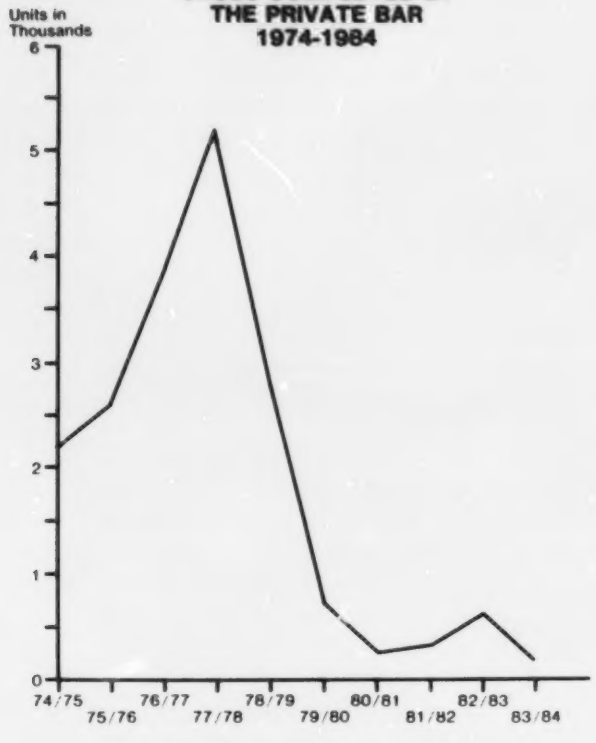
MISCELLANEOUS																	
Consumer Problems	6	10	3	1	12	22	1	—	6	1	—	2	4	—	68	82	—
Debt Problems	16	22	11	31	41	48	14	11	72	46	13	13	13	—	351	453	—
Bankruptcies	2	5	5	4	1	11	6	—	20	7	2	1	—	—	64	80	—
Other Financial	2	9	4	5	12	39	52	2	—	5	—	3	8	—	141	155	—
Disputes Welfare Allowance	6	17	3	2	11	27	3	1	10	8	7	4	7	—	106	126	—
Apprehension	22	19	9	5	14	51	92	7	43	9	2	—	4	24	301	311	—
Landlord & Tenant	2	8	1	6	26	22	8	—	13	2	3	6	7	—	104	125	—
Labour, Wages & Employment	1	3	1	2	23	13	4	—	20	2	1	4	7	—	81	117	—
Organization Problems	1	3	—	—	2	1	11	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	20	28	—
Personal Injury	—	1	—	5	3	46	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	69	76	—
Auto Accidents	1	2	2	2	7	16	4	1	7	4	1	1	1	1	50	74	—
Change of Name	—	4	6	1	7	17	—	—	5	2	3	—	6	—	51	53	—
Defamation	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	11	15	—
Small Claims Court	2	9	10	10	9	8	1	3	55	3	—	2	2	—	114	117	—
Insurance	6	5	4	6	12	14	14	4	30	2	2	3	6	—	108	130	—
Immigration	—	2	—	—	6	2	8	1	16	1	—	—	—	1	37	42	—
Income Tax	1	21	8	—	32	5	1	1	4	4	—	—	2	—	79	83	—
Veterans	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—
Other	63	91	72	33	107	162	39	9	76	58	2	12	12	—	736	775	30
Public Information	1	1	—	1	57	7	5	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	78	69	—
Referral to Another Legal Services Office	23	12	—	1	15	12	11	3	—	98	1	6	—	—	182	188	—
Referral to Private Solicitor	2	—	—	5	67	1	5	—	—	31	—	24	—	—	135	124	—
Referral to Other Agency	7	4	—	—	29	1	1	—	—	30	2	6	1	—	81	82	—
Total Other	180	331	170	142	576	597	305	60	427	350	60	89	103	26	3416	3846	31
GRAND TOTAL	1795	1579	1014	1013	3256	3942	4548	1620	3583	1179	476	437	1338	166	25946	25086	156

CASES COMPLETED BY THE PRIVATE BAR 1974-1984



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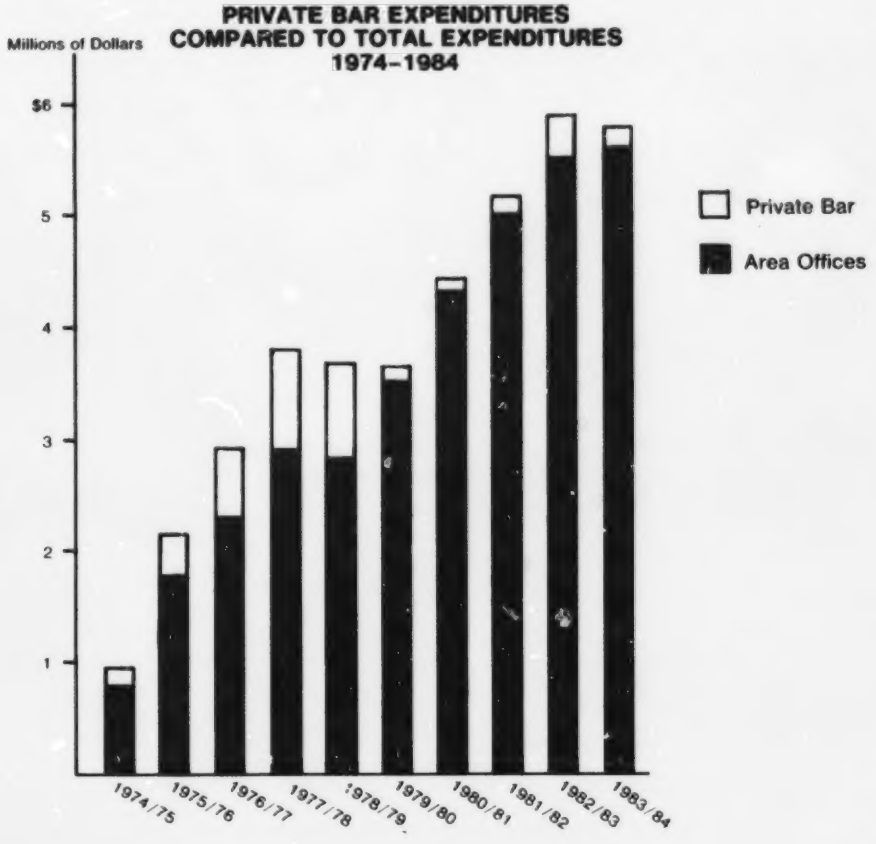
PRIVATE BAR EXPENDITURES
COMPARED TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES
1974–1984
Millions of Dollars
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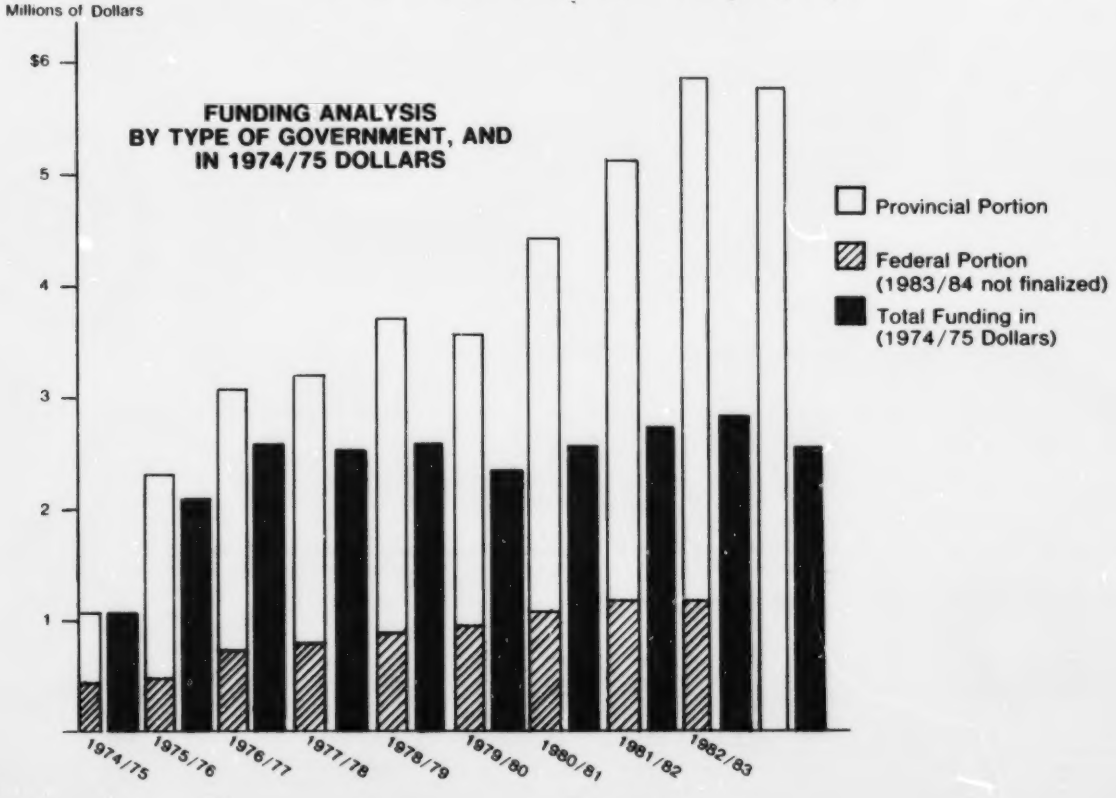
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FUNDING ANALYSIS
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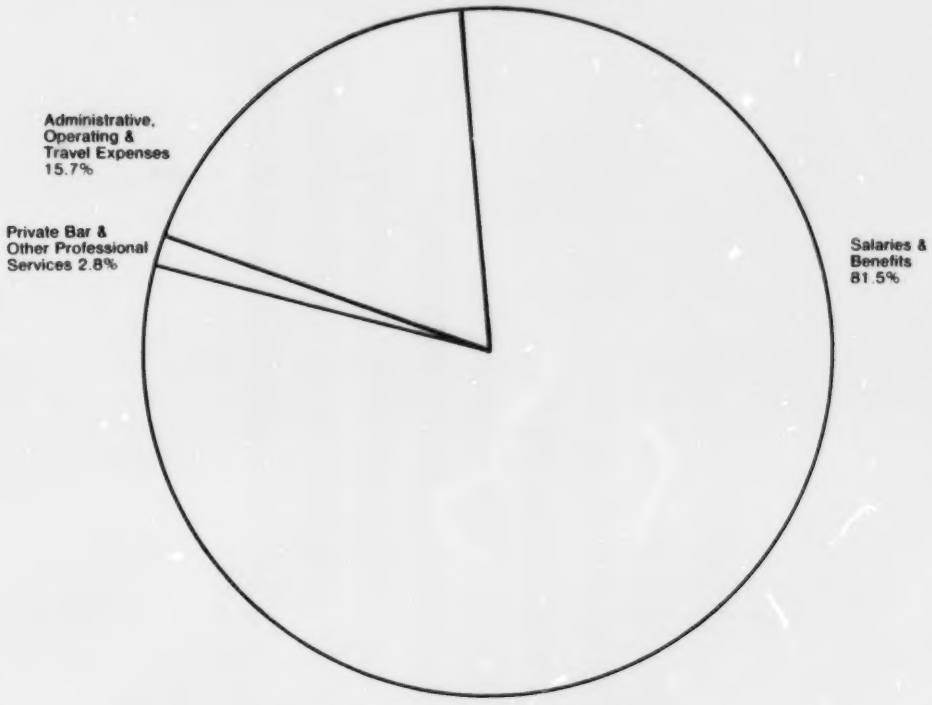
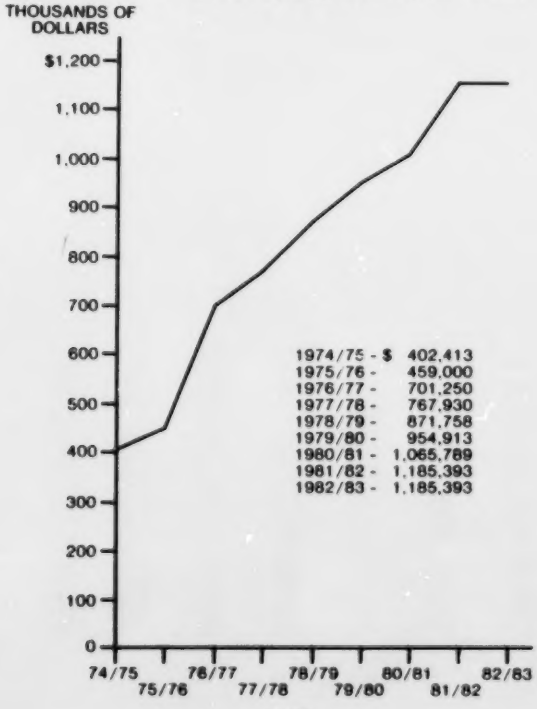


FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT-CRIMINAL MATTERS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan have a cost sharing arrangement respecting the provision of legal aid in criminal matters to eligible persons in need of such aid.



RECIPROCITY

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan participates in a nation wide agreement among the provinces to provide legal services to eligible applicants resident in other provinces and requiring legal services in Saskatchewan. Alternatively, Saskatchewan refers eligible applicants resident here who require services in other provinces. Those referrals are statistically reflected in the following table:

REFERRED TO:

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	N.B.	Ontario	Quebec	Nova Scotia	Total
Custody	16	5	7		3			31
Maintenance	6	1	3	1	5	1		17
Divorce	5	1	2	1	3		1	13
Civil Action					1		1	2
Auto Accident	1	1	1					3
Matrimonial Property	2		1					3
Access	4	2	2		2	1	1	12
Child Apprehension	7	1						8
Workers' Comp.		1	1					2
TOTAL	41	12	17	2	14	2	3	91

REFERRED FROM:

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	N.B.	Ontario	Quebec	Nova Scotia	Total
Custody	8	2	7		1			18
Maintenance		3	3		2			8
Divorce	7	1	3					11
Civil Action		1						1
Auto Accident			1					1
Matrimonial Property	3				1			4
Access	4		1			2		7
Child Apprehension		1	2		1			4
Workers' Comp.			1					1
TOTAL	22	8	18		5	2	0	55

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS 1974–1984

On September 1, 1983 when *The Legal Aid Act* came into force, the employees of a board under *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, were deemed to be employees of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

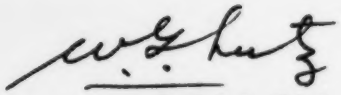
	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83	83/84
Barristers & Solicitors	17	33	34	39	34	49	57	57	59	55
Paralegals	4	19	23	23	15	21	23	25	25	25
Administrative & Support Staff	45	62	57	59	55	61	63	61	62	55
TOTAL	66	114	114	121	104	131	143	143	146	135

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan

I have examined the balance sheet of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission as at March 31, 1984 and the statement of revenue, expenditure, and operating surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission as at March 31, 1984 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.



Regina, Saskatchewan,
June 8, 1984.

W. G. Lutz, F.C.A.
Provincial Auditor.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31

	1984	1983
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	$ 224,264	$ 53,988
Accounts receivable	671	47,775
Prepaid expense	102,126	803
Total current assets	327,061	102,566
Fixed — at cost (Note 3(c))		
Furniture and equipment	346,430	34,607
Library	624,566	90,902
Total fixed assets	970,996	125,509
	$1,298,057	$228,075
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 313,259	$114,069
Equity		
Equity in fixed assets	970,996	125,509
Operating surplus (deficit)	13,802	(11,503)
Total equity	984,798	114,006
	$1,298,057	$228,075

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, AND OPERATING SURPLUS

Year Ended March 31

	1984	1983
Revenue:		
Department of Justice	$5,751,990	$5,877,620
Other	59,448	35,567
	5,811,438	5,913,187
Expenditure:		
Clinic expenses (Schedule 1)(Note 3(a))	1,903,419	4,870,674
Salaries and Employee Benefits (Note 3(b))	3,063,130	413,786
Administrative and operating expenses (Schedule 2)		
Provision of legal services	377,091	133,969
Travel	165,856	404,323
Library and equipment purchases	131,182	22,933
Professional Services	104,001	10,026
Clinic share of cost and contribution collected	34,662	34,595
Commissioners' expenses	—	9,345
	6,792	6,747
	5,786,133	5,906,398
Excess of revenue over expenditure	25,305	6,789
Operating (deficit), beginning of year	(11,503)	(18,292)
Operating surplus (deficit), end of year	$ 13,802	$ (11,503)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 1984

1. **Accounting Policies**

Fixed Assets

The Commission utilizes fund accounting wherein expenditures for fixed assets appear in the statement of revenue and expenditure. To maintain accountability for fixed assets, it is necessary to record them as a balance sheet asset with a corresponding entry to "Equity in Fixed Assets". Because fixed asset purchases are included in the statement of revenue and expenditure, no provision has been made for depreciation of the fixed assets.

2. **Incorporation**

The Legal Aid Act came into force on September 1, 1983 by Order-in-Council 1275/83 and continued The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

3. **Legislati**
   (a) **Legal Services**

In accordance with the Legal Aid Act, the Commission assumed direct responsibility for the provision of legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources. Accordingly, effective September 1, 1983 area boards appointed under the former Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act were dissolved and legal aid offices were established in each area.

(b) **Employees**

Pursuant to Section 41 of The Legal Aid Act, the employees as at May 30, 1983 of a board under The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act became employees of the Commission.

(c) **Transitional Property**

Pursuant to Section 42(1) of The Legal Aid Act, the assets of the boards under The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act deemed to be held in trust for the Commission were returned to the Commission.

4. **Contingent Liability**

Notice has been received that a former employee has laid an action against the Commission for dismissal without just cause. No settlement has been reached.

5. **Office Rent**

The central office of the Commission and certain of the area offices are located in government buildings and accordingly no rent is paid for the use of that space. Neither the value of this benefit nor the costs related to this space are reflected in the financial statements.

Schedule 1

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF CLINIC EXPENSES

Year Ended March 31

	1984 (Note 3(a))	1983
Regina Community Legal Services Society	$ 329,872	$ 803,937
The Valley Legal Assistance Clinic Society	119,985	287,372
The Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society	300,250	799,708
*The Battlefords and Area Legal Services Office	102,410	299,066
Parkland Legal Services Inc.	115,400	285,913
Yetha Ayisiniwuk Legal Services Corporation	166,865	487,940
The Meadow Lake & District Legal Services Society	93,518	224,936
The Prince Albert & District Community Legal Services Society	200,161	522,045
The Pasqua Community Legal Services Society	81,706	250,452
Moose Jaw & District Legal Services Society	105,648	207,400
The South East Saskatchewan Legal Services Society	77,343	221,300
*South West Community Legal Services Office	71,208	133,774
Qu'Appelle Community Legal Services Incorporated	139,053	346,831
Total clinic expenses (Statement 2)	$1,903,419	$4,870,674

*The Battlefords and Area Legal Services Office has been operated by the Commission since June 7, 1983 while the South West Community Legal Services Office was operated by the Commission during the entire period.

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Schedule 2

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Year Ended March 31

	1984	1983
Telephone	$123,366	$ 23,641
Other operating expenses	83,651	28,271
Contractual services	59,870	71,325
Stationery and office supplies	33,679	4,746
Office rent (Note 5)	32,179	—
Periodicals	23,937	—
Photocopying	20,409	5,986
Total administrative and operating expenses (Statement 2)	$377,091	$133,969